



# e-News

March 15, 2017

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"Look To Jesus" Lenten Sermon Series. During the Season of Lent we are focusing upon the Life, Ministry, and Person of Jesus Christ. The Sermon Series for Lent is "Look to Jesus" and is based upon the Eight Servant Values: S.E.R.V.A.N.T.S. - Spirit-Filled, Empathy, Renewal, Visibly Seeking Out, All Together, Nearing God, Teaching, and Submission. These Values of Jesus found in the New Testament help us appreciate more fully who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. There are booklets in the Lobby/Narthex of the church which describe each Servant Value and provide scripture passages for each one. It's a good devotional for the Lenten Season.

\*\*\***Sunday Worship March 19 and Sermon.** Join us this Sunday as our "Look to Jesus" series continues on our S.E.R.V.A.N.T. values. This week we take a look at "Renewal," focusing on Paul's words and thoughts from Romans 12:1-2. --Dale Ambler

\*\*\***Music This Sunday:**

9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band, Children's Choir

\*\*\***Classes This Sunday:**

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School--10 a.m. in Room 206 with Will Ward

Bible Perspectives--10:15 a.m. in Room 201 with Jim Mullins

\*\*\***Council/Committee Meetings:**

Education Council--March 23, 7 p.m.

\*\*\***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:**

Dinner Out--March 21, 6 p.m. at At's A Nice Pizza, 334 N. Independence Blvd., Romeoville (135th & Rt. 53)

Women's Bible Study--March 22, 10 a.m. in Room 217

Quilt Group--March 23, 7 p.m. in Room 210

Men's Dinner--March 24, 6 p.m. at Old Town Restaurant, 113 Stephen, Lemont

Praise Yoga--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex

Centering Prayer--Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210

Mindfulness Practice--Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study--Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

\*\*\***Adult Discussion Groups During Lent:**

"Romans and the Reformation"--Tuesdays at 12 noon in the Fireside Room with Dale Ambler (bring a sack lunch)

"Creed" Men's Discussion Group (a study of the Apostles' Creed and what we believe)--Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room with Dale Ambler

"deeplove" Marriage Enrichment--Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in Room 210 with Craig Herr using Drs. Les and Leslie Parrot's 4-week discussion-video seminar (March 8-29)

\*\*\***Mission.** Holly Heyroth, Director of Angel House Orphanage and Secondary School in Tanzania, will be our Special Guest this Sunday, March 19. Come gather in the Fireside Room between services to meet and greet Holly and hear her updates on Angel House and Bhoke, Rhobi and Lucia (Lucy).

**\*\*\*From the Pastor.....Craig Herr, Senior Pastor**

Ways to Grow through Discussion Groups and Studies. As we journey to Easter there are a variety of discussion groups available to connect with others and grow our faith. The Creed men’s discussion group meets Wednesdays in the Fireside Room at 5:15 p.m. Deeplove discussion video series on Marriage meets Wednesdays in Room 210 at 5:15 p.m. Romans and the Reformation meets in the Fireside Room on Tuesdays at noon—bring your lunch. The Bible Perspectives discussion class meets on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in Room 201.

Ordering Easter Flowers. You can order flowers online if you wish to do that. Right on the front page of our Website you will find an “Order Easter Flowers” Button (box). Just click on it and make your order. Or you can order them in church using the tear off from the bulletin.

“Lasting Impact” Stewardship Campaign. Make a “Lasting Impact” by completing your pledge card and bringing it to church this Sunday, March 19. You can also mail your card if you can’t be here Sunday. Together, we make a “Lasting Impact” for Jesus Christ through our support and participation in the life, ministry, and mission of our church. In Christ, Craig

**\*\*\* Parent Meeting Sunday, March 26, 10:10 to 10:25 a.m. in the Fireside Room**

Education Council has decided to have a Parent Meeting once a month to discuss various topics, including Ed Council's vision for our Children's and Youth Ministries and topics that may be of interest to parents. Parents of children birth through high school are invited to join us on March 26 between services in the Fireside Room, and meet Will Ward, our new Youth Director, who will tell us about this summer's Youth Mission Trip and why mission is important.



**It's our annual Easter Egg-stravaganza.**

Highlights include breakfast, the telling of the Easter Story, arts & crafts, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and a fun

Easter Egg Hunt! We need lots of volunteers to make this an egg-stra special event for children in our community. Call Bo Mircea at 815-727-9259 and let him know you can help out on April 8, 9 to 11 a.m.!



SAVE THE DATE--May 13--for A Ladies' Day Retreat. Come Relax, Refresh, Re-charge! Check out our church website for more information.

**\*\*\*Our Church Family.** Please add the following to your daily prayers:

Prayers of Healing for Shirley Hill and Harry Cobourn at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, and Russ Mathena at Edward Hospital

**Volunteers this Sunday, March 19, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Children's Worship:**

Bo Mircea

Val Koehne

**Holy Hunters:**

Kyla Fris

**Greeters:**

Don & Raelene Barnes

Jan Gehrig

**Acolytes:**

Kaylie Corcoran

Madison Riebe

**Ushers:**

Russ Brown, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Allan Somers

Lisa Kasper

Marion Somers

Lisa Ambler

Mark Dykema

Tim Kessler

**Coffee Fellowship: Jon Belfield, Capt., Judy Turner,**

Nicole Long

**Sound Room: Cliff Stepina**

**Video Screens: Matt Blaser**

**March 12, 2017**

Worship Attendance — 156

**Stewardship Report**

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 786,000

Year to Date Receipts \$669,808

Year to Date Expenses \$677,643

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$41,911

Angel House Mission—\$2,746

Call Tracy Norris If you wish to use electronic giving through your bank.